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# PROBE IS AIM

Bennet Hints at an Investigation.

LOST LETTER FACTOR

No Record of Missive Sent to President Taft.

ANIMUS DUE TO FEENEY?

His Failure to Land Job as Assessor Now Looming Up as Possible Motive for New York Legislator's Attack on District Methods of Taxation-Figures Show High Valuation on Many Handsome Residences-Small Properties Are Easily Estimated.

Representative Bennet intimated yesterday that he would have more to say, and perhaps to do, in connection with the District real estate tion of law which he portrayed to

"Nothing to say right now," was

"Nothing to say right now," was all the New York Representative had to say yesterday in response to the indication that the case was back at his door.

His remark left the impression that there would be some sort of official probing of the allegations that the law had not been observed in one of the assessorship appointments and that wealthy property owners in the District had benefited by undervaluation. The strictures of Representative Bennet have aroused the deep interest of a number of Representatives, and they intimate that they at least want to

A MYSTERIOUS MISSING LETTER. In the depths of the case there is a mysterious missing letter. Mr. Bennet claims to have sent the communication to President Taft six weeks or two nonths ago, calling attention to an alleged infraction of the statute in the intment of one of the assessors by At the White House denial is made of

receiving again a letter, and if it were get in touch with the vessel because of received and referred to the Commissioners as a matter of routine, it is not District offices, to the best of edge and belief of the officials Representative Bennet maintainet silence yesterday as to the letter, as The ambitions of James L. Feeney to

intimated in The Herald yesterday, now figure definitely as the primary cause of the cyclone stirred up by Representa-tive Bennet, Supported by the New York member, Mr. Feeney applied for one of the positions when there was no vacancy. On the death of Assessor vacancy. On the death of assume the applied again, and also made of Assessor Nye a few weeks ago.

Messrs. Talcott and Adams, who were

appointed to fill these vacancies, were promoted from positions they already held in the District government, and are classed at the District Building as amply fulfilling the requirements of the in regard to being residents of the District and persons conversant with Dis

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#### SIX FINE BABIES LEFT TO BACHELOR

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.-F. Carroll Fow, bachelor, lawyer, and in his early twenties, fails to see the joke in being bequeathed six bables, whose future lives sor how or other he must arrange. The babies are the inmates of the Prince of Peace Maternity Hospital, at 1315 North Marshall

"I guess their ages are somewhere between six weeks and six months; I'm not sure," he said to-day. "I—I can't tell how old a baby is by looking at it, you know, and I—I can't run a maternity hospital now, can I? It isn't-why, it isn't at all in my

The hospital was a private institution, financed and maintain ed by Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Draper, its owners, who were philan-thropists. Mrs. Draper died last year, and her husband on Jan sary 8, only a few weeks after his wife's demise. Attorney Fow was a friend of the Drapers, and to him the husband left the care of his estate, hospital, bables,

Watergoes Operation ondon, Jan. 21.—The Duchess of Man ater is recovering from a slight opera

#### SOME ASSESSED VALUES.

Owner. Building.	Ground.
Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh \$225,000	\$59,784
George Westinghouse 40,000	52,992
Larz Anderson	72,729
Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend 178,000	65,727
Mrs. L. Z. Leiter 89,000	62,230
Mrs. Elinor M. Patterson 75,000	66,030
W. J. Boardman	34,040
Herbert Wadsworth 60,000	28,365
Edwin Bradley	55,076
Clarence Moore 110,000	33,260
Perry Belmont	59,890
Mrs. Susan P. Draper 50,000	42,340
Stoneleigh Court	120,564
Willard Hotel	
Shoreham Hotel 300,000	
Colorado Building	
Portsmouth apartments 100,000	33,260

CHICAGO FEARS

Their Wages Adjusted.

nuse is in differences between the scale

ompany and the Chicago City Railway

So serious has the situation become

that to-day Mayor Busse intervened in an effort to prevent a possible repeti-

tion of the scenes of violence and blood

PASSENGER TRAIN

and Captured.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 27.—Just after the Texas limited, on the Colorado and Southern, had left the union station, a

lone bandit, who gave his name as Al Buckley when captured, held up the

passengers of two rear coaches. He se

A bullet shattered the right wrist of Buckley, and as his revolver dropped he threw up his left hand and surren-dered. McCafferty recovered the loot and turned Buckley over to the police.

BY DAVILA OFFICER

Prisoner in Honduras.

a little banana export town fifty mile

ment of an American by a major

from Truxillo, tell of the brutal treat-

command of a detachment of Davila's

William Lowry, former captain of vol inteers in the United States army, and

who served in Cubs, was attacked by

ten men under the command of Mai

lesus Canales, brutally beaten, his arms taken from him, and he was forced to

walk through miles of mud in a driving

His wife and a partner, a Mr. Unger

and the latter's wife, were kept pris-

mers for days, poorly fed, insulted, and

Finally, through a ruse, Capt. Lowr.

managed to make his escape, and has

ened back to his ranch at the head

waters of the Limon River. He manager

to arm several of his employes, and they forced the surrender of the other

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia

Maryland, and Virginia-Cloudy

and colder to-day, probably preceded by rain in early morning;

to-morrow, fair and moderately

cold; brisk west to northwest

winds.

eaten whenever opportunity offered.

AMERICAN BEATEN

of wages paid by the Chicago

### AEROPLANE USED TO HERD CATTLE

Supplants the "Broncho" on Eight Thousand Men Want Texas Ranch.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 27 .- For the first time in the history of aviation, an aero-plane was used for herding cattle to-day. Rene Simon, the French aviator, brought the opening day of the Houston aviation assessments and the alleged viola- meet to a close by quitting a spectacular aerial race with Rene Barrier, a Bleriot monoplane flier, to dart down onto the the House on Thursday in his sen- prairie and stampede a herd of cattle ader the eyes of the astounded cowboys, Garros and Barrier had made several thrilling flights, when Simon, who had

#### NO ALARM FELT.

Navy Department Expects to Hear from the Wheeling To-day.

Although a general call by wireless has been sent to stations on the south-east coast, Guantanamo, and San Juan to locate the gunboat Wheeling, no news of the vessel has yet been received. The Navy Department does not feel there is any cause for anxiety, but is trying to cured more than \$100, some watches and jeweiry, then pulled the bell cord, and as the train slowed down leaped off. Special Agent William McCafferty, of the Rio Grande road, was in a forward car, and when he heard there was a robber aboard he rushed back. He saw Buckley jump off and followed suit, at the same time opening fire. Buckley returned the fire, and several shots were exchanged.

The Wheeling is expected to reach Guantanamo Saturday evening. Her wireless set is of short range, and it would not be significant if she were not reported until very shortly before her arrival.

#### AS YOU LIKE IT.

And regarding those charges, have yo oticed what interested parties say? In inotype, something like this;

White House-"Nothing doing." Rudolph-"Ridiculous." Johnston-Do.

Judson-Also

Assessor-Likewise Which, according to our guess, will furnish

ery nice little talk party and plenty of copy to he newspapers during the next few weeks.

Well, something had to break, since th Canadian reciprocity treaty has been made public. By the way, were you ab sorbed by curiosity and interest in what the treaty would contain?

As we stroll to press Mrs. Schenk has not as yet received offers of vaudeville engagements.

SAYS THE SAGE OF FOGGY BOTput off until to-morrow is my sentiments eggsactly. There's millions of to-morrow and only one to-day."

CASABIANCA. The boy stood on the burning deck, Where ha'd been told to sand; A spot-light lit the battles wreck For the moving picture man.

Brought no sigh of regret;
"I'd like this blame fool stunt," he said,

He called aloud: "Say, mister, say, I wish you'd take de hunch An' blow me up some time to-day, So's I kin go to bunch."

"Pather?" he cried in account wild,
As he worked that fragedy pinfiThe ship cought flor, the films went next
And the show blow up-gare enough.

# OIL TRUST SUBS FOR \$350,000 LIBEL

For First Time Corporation Takes Troubles to Court.

Written by Cleveland Moffett Responsible for Change in Attitude of Standard Oil Company-Editor Refuses to Make a Retraction,

New York, Jan. 27.—The Standard Oil Company has had a lot of unpleasant things said about it one time and an-other, as John D. Archbold once pointed out in a magazine article, but it had in The United States Circuit Court in two suits for heavy damages brought by the Standard Oil Company against the Broadway Magazine Company, publishers of Hampton's Magazine, and Cleve-land Moffett, author of the alleged libelous article which caused the octopus to

BIG CAR TIE-UP turn. It seems that the Standard Oil was willing to worry along under all the hard names that were placed before and after its corporate title by magazine writers until Mr. Moffett, in an article writers until Mr. Moffett, in an article in the February Hampton's headed 'Cassidy and the Food Poisoners,' wrote that Standard Oil had secured a monopoly of the glucose sugar industry and was making the product more attractive to the eye by willtening it by the use of sulphites. Chicago, Jan. 27.-Chicago is declared to be threatened to-day with a strike of 8,000 street car men, meaning a tie-up of all the surface lines in the city. The

Are Called Polsoners

Mr. Moffett pointed out that gluco s used in candy making, and added that the agents of Standard Oil in Eastern Pennsylvania and lower New Jersey 'had been arrested, brought into court and branded as deliberate poisoners

tion of the scenes of violence and blood-shed which marked the last street car strike in Chicago and have accompanied the labor struggles in other cities. For more than an hour the mayor was closeted with representatives of the city and the street car men's labor organiza-tions in his private office. No agree-ment was reached at the conference. The street car men were firm in their stand. Immediately after the conference John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Bailways, and Thomas E. Mitten, presi-dent of the Chicago City Railway, were notified from the mayor's office that their presence is desired by those who attended to-day, at another meeting, which will be held in the executive of-fice of the city Monday. That sentence about the poisoning of little children hurt, and smarting of the wound wasn't soothed any by the stream of clippings from the article which began to come in every mail to the Standard Oil office at 25 Broadway. It is said that copies of the article were also received by many of the officers of the corporation, and that the senders had taken care to mark the excerpt quoted.

quoted.

The fact that the corporation is now fighting in the courts for the right to exist made the attack, as a representative of the company said to-day, "Unfortunate at this time."

The result was that the corporation broke its rule and began suit for \$256,500 against Hampton's, and for \$100,000 against Cleveland Monett.

Ask for Retraction.

Before starting the suit, Martin Carey, attorney for the company, and J. I. C. Clarke, its press representative, called upon Hampton's to retract. They denied that Standard Oil is interested in glu-cose or that the men referred to in Mr. Moffett's article as having been "brand-ed as deliberate poisoners of little chil-Lone Highwayman Is Shot dren" were representatives of the Standard Oil. Mr. Moffett was present when

ard Oil. Mr. Moffett was present when the Standard Oil representatives made the demand, and after consulting with him, Benjamin B. Hampton, editor of the magnazine, decided to stand pat. The article called "Cassidy and the Food Poisoners" deals with a campaign for the enforcement of pure food laws made by Harry P. Cassidy, a food inspector in Philadelphia.

After telling how Cassidy discovered that there were sulphites in the glucose from which candy purchased in Philadelphia was made, the article goes on to

After telling how Cassidy discovered that there were sulphites in the glucose from which candy purchased in Philadelphia was made, the article goes on to say:

"There seems no doubt that the Standard Oil Company knew perfectly well what it was doing. It was committing a cowardly crine, was guilty under the law, but it was heaping up millions, and it hoped not to be found out!

"Thanks to Cassidy, however, it was found out. The evidence, patiently gathered for weeks, was overwhelming against it, and one morning. August 8, 1906. Philadelphia awoke to a genuine sensation. Four members of the firm of J. H. Huston & Co., agents of the Standard Oil in Eastern Pennsylvania and lower New Jersey, has been arrested, brought into court, branded as deliberate poisoners of little children."

In the papers upon which the summonses were obtained by Sherman & Sterling, of 55 Wall street, attorneys for the Standard Oil Company in this case,

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#### Former Army Captain Kept WRECK SURVIVORS DOOMED TO DEATH New Orleans, Jan. 27.-Letters to the Times-Democrat from Limon, Honduras,

Haiti Will Execute Them on Charge of Mutiny.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 27.-All the officers and crew who survived the loss of the Haltian gunboat Liberte last October were to-day convicted by a court-martial and sentenced to death.

The prisoners were found guilty of mu-tiny, which led to the killing of the ad-

piral in command of the Liberte, which was formerly the American yacht Er King, and of several Haitian general king, and of several Haitian generals who were being taken to the northern part of the republic to take over the command of the government troops. There was an explosion on the gunboat, which set fire to the vessel, and she soon foundered, carrying with her all on beard except those sentenced to death to-day.

### VOLCANO ON LUZON.

Eruption on Island in Small Lake in Philippines.

Jan. 28.-The volcar which is situated on a small island in Bomborn Lake, Batagas province, Island of Luxon, is in eruption for the first time unions IFE. The eruption is accompanied by frequent explosions which can be heard for miles. Enormous columns of amoke and steam can be seen rising from

## FOSS' DATES MIXED.

Wants Schools Closed on Lincoln Day, Sunday.

Boston, Jan. 27.—Gov. Foss issued a Lincoln Day proclamation this noon, and in it he requested that the schools be closed at noon and places of busines martyred President. After the proclams tion had been published in the early edi-"FOOD POISONERS" IS TOPIC and inquired if the governor referred to

The point was seen, and the proclama tion was called back to be "fixed." February 12, the day designated by the legislature, falls on Sunday.

### NO TAXES TO PAY IN MAINE VILLAGE

Yet the Salaries of Assessors Are Increased.

Farmington, Me., Jan. 27.-No taxes will be levied in Farmington village next year. The expenses of the municipality will be met by the surplus earnings of the waterworks system, which the village corporation owns

nual meeting of the village corporation last evening. The water works system methods of disposing of this surplus ha been advanced. The assessors recom-mended that the rate of water rental be reduced, on an average, 30 per cent but the meeting decided to use the sur-plus for running expenses and let the

The meeting raised the salaries of the assessors, clerk, treasurer, water super-intendent, and night watchman substan-

#### MRS. HETTY GREEN WILL INCORPORATE

'Richest Woman" to Form a Trust Company.

New York, Jan. 27.-Edward H. Green, son of Mrs. Hetty Green, said to day that plans are being formed to conduct the various enterprises in which the family is interested from headquarters in New York City, and that a trust com-

interests.

He gave out no details, other than that the company will be organized under the laws of New York State.

## **MARRIED TEACHERS** COME UNDER BAN

Woman Loses Suit Against Board of Education.

New York, Jan. 27 .- A test case bron declare that the board of education may not discriminate in assigning them to places was thrown out by the appellate division of the Supreme Court to-day. The suit was brought by Mrs. Engry F. Norman, who holds a license permit-

ting her to act as assistant to the prinof superintendents recommended Norman's name twice for such an ap-

damus to compel the board of education to appoint her. In opposing the appli-cation, Superintendent Maxwell said he had had thirty years' experience in edu-cational work and had care to be appli-tion would get through at this session of Congress. It is known, however, that cational work, and had found that the the usual and natural results of matrinony are less efficient and less capable both physically and mentally, than be-

fore marriage."

The court decided that it has no power by mandamus to direct the board of education to disregard the by-law relating to women teachers, and especially since the board was under no obligation to appoint her even when recommended by the board of superintendents.

# RECIPROCITY SPLITS REPUBLICAN RANKS

Tariff Reducers Are Against Removal of **Duties on Their Pet Home** Industries.

ULTIMATE CONSUMER VS. THE INTERESTS

Senators and Representatives Between Two Fires. Thought That Sentiment Will Finally Swing in Favor of Agreement With Canada. Standpatters Now Gloat.

The effect upon Congress of the administration's reciprocity agreeent with Canada may without exaggeration be described as shocking.

Standpat Republicans have been dazed at this proposed inroad upon he dear old protective principle, while the Republican brethren from the great Northwest who have been crying for six months or more for a downward revision of the tariff and a relief from the high cost of living are raising their hands in horror and trying to explain that they have not meant tariff reductions of this character. The Democrats are about the only ones who can tell you at present just how they stand on the proposed agreement. With a few exceptions, they seem to be pleased with it and will support it.

The disorganization of the Republicans over the agreement makes it mpossible to say with any degree of certainty at this time what its fate will be in Congress. Members of State delegations are differing among themselves as to the advisability or inadvisability of supporting the proposed legislation; Senators themselves are changing their minds almost from hour to hour, and there is every evidence of a mix-up, regardless of partisan lines, such as Congress has not seen in many a day.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES. agreement before March 4, but nothing authoritative has come from the White House on this subject. The Representatives and Senators from nearly every State find themselves be-How President Stands. ween two fires, the one coming from the The introduction of this subject at a special session would pave the way for further tinkering with the tariff by the interests that fear the effect of the agreement upon their products, and the other from that almost mythical personage, the Democrats, and it is said to be the ultimate consumer. Hundreds of tele-

ident's desire to avoid such action until reliable data has been collected by the tariff board. On the other hand, it is known that hr. Taft believes that it would greatly promote the good feeling between the two countries if the agreement were accepted by both. of Congress from the "common peopul." men who are living on salaries and daily wages, and who are more concerned ove their Butchers' bills than they are over ment were accepted by both governments without prolonged delay.
Representative Screno Payne, of New York State, chairman of the Ways and fassachusetts cod fishermen. It is

through the support of the latter class, and through the well-defined sentiment in the country in favor of putting the necessaries of life upon the free list, that President Taft and his followers expect to win.

Opponents of the agreement agknowledge, however, that the opposition is at its maximum strength now, and that the swing of sentiment within the next week will be strongly in favor of the proposed legislation. They acknowledge that the average American is going to grab at any proposition which writes the word free

Sentiment in the New York State delecation over the proposed legislation seems to be divided, although the great-er number of the members of Congress from that State are in favor of the agreement. Senators Root and Depew are both satisfied with it, but Repre-sentative J. Sloat Fassett and one or two others have a leaning the other way,

admitting the impossibility of making any definite prediction, gave it as their The New England contingent seemed But indications are that many members from that section of the country will be found supporting it. The principal opposition in New England will be found opposition in New England will be find the States in the northern that Maine, Vermont, and New Hamps Maine is particularly grieved gyer prospect of free potatoes, Aroos County, in that State, being one of best potato producing rections in United States. Maine also objects to proposed placing of wood work. the situation, and that he will use his United States. Maine also objects to the proposed placing of wood pulp and print paper upon the free list. Vermont and New Hampshire raised the cry that the free entry of Canada's dairy and agricultural products will strike the farmers of those States. It is not at all certain, however, that the delegations from these States will go solidly against the administration in this matter. England, could easily prevent action in the remaining five weeks of Congress. There is some talk of the possibility of

Alas, for the Sacred Cod.

The putting of fish upon the free list is Massachusetts' chief grievance, and, so far as is known now, only one Rep-resentative from that State has made up his mind to oppose the agreement. This is Representative Gardner, who hails from the Gloucester district. Representatives Lawrence, Peters, Gillett, resentatives Lawrence, Peters, Gillett, and Ames have already declared for the

and Ames have already declared for the agreement.

The most formidable opposition at this time seems to be from the Northwestern States—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, Montana, and the Dakotas. Even in these States, however, a marked difference of opinion exists. Senator Neison, of Minnesota, is opposed to the agreement, but Senator Clapp, the inaurgent, has not declared his attitude. Representatives Sievens, Nye, and Miller, from Minnesota, came out in favor of the agreement yesterday. They represent city agreement yesterday. They repres ricts, and apparently have been ing from the man with the butcher and

Minnesota Farmers Against It. Minnesota Farmers Against R.

The Minnesota Representatives from farming districts, however, are lined up in opposition to the agreement. They contend that the entire agreement has been put through at the expense of the American farmer. They are opposed particularly to the free admission into this country of Canadian wheat, barley, and other grains. The Minnesota Infrarer have long been trying for free lumber, but even this concession does not seem to offset the lifting of the duty on grain. The extreme difference of opinion on

# TARIFF BILL PLANS Subject Will Be Further Considered by Leaders Next

DEMOCRATS DISCUSS

# Monday—Selection of Committees Is Now Big Problem.

n Ways and Means, which will constitute the House committee on cor meeting at the Capitol last night. ratic tariff bill which will be presented

ussed at a meeting of the Democratic

nembers to be held next Monday. committee on committees was a formal proposition adopted at the Democratic canons last week to select the purponnel of the sixty or more committees that compose the House organization. There is a pood-deal of trouble shead for the Democratic canons are also committees.

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South that a fight will be made upon tees in the Sixty-second Congress, held John J. Fitsgerald, of New York, to the chairmanship of the House Committee This post was sought by Repres

proposition which writes the word fre-

over foodstuff items in the Payne-Ald-

rich tariff law, and that strong pressure

is going to be brought to bear on Con

Rocky Road in Senate.

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rocky road in the Senate. Several ex-

the President takes a hopeful view of

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o act upon the agreement before ad

The Northwestern Senators, with on-

or two possible supporters from New

ournment on March 4 next.

in the House at the beginning of the tive Albert S. Burleson, of Texas, and session in December of this year were he has the support of his desgation, as considered, but no conclusions were well as the indomesment of a considerable the South.

Every Saturday and Sonday, All trains both ways, both days, enough Royal Line. Superior readway, both days, enough Royal Line.

rhich is situated on a small island in